

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—*Friday, March 30, 2001*

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SHAW).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 30, 2001.

I hereby appoint the Honorable E. CLAY SHAW, Jr. to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Reverend Dr. Roger D. Willmore, First Baptist Church, Weaver, Alabama, offered the following prayer:

Heavenly Father, we enter into Your presence with praise and adoration and thanksgiving in our hearts for who You are. We acknowledge You as our creator and sustainer. We are dependent upon You in every area of life.

Today I am asking that You would impart wisdom and guidance to the officers and Members of this body. May their decisions today and every day be in Your will. May they find in You the spiritual resources for all that is required of them.

Father, I pray for our President and Vice President and all Members of Congress as they work together to lead our country in a manner that would be pleasing to You.

Lord, I thank You for our great country. I thank You for every blessing You have bestowed upon us. I ask You to forgive us where we have failed You and enable us to live in a manner that would be pleasing to You.

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us, to Him be the glory in the Church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.

In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. RILEY)

come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. RILEY led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

DR. ROGER D. WILLMORE

(Mr. RILEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RILEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to welcome Dr. Roger Willmore from Calhoun County, Alabama, to our Nation's Capitol to perform a sacred and time-honored tradition. Congress begins each day with a prayer, and to have a fellow Alabamian deliver it this morning makes everyone back home very proud, especially the members of the First Baptist Church in Weaver, Alabama.

He has been pastor there since 1995. He is a graduate of Samford University in Birmingham and Jacksonville State University in Jacksonville, Alabama.

Dr. Willmore also holds masters and doctorate degrees from Luther Rice Seminary in Jacksonville, Florida.

Since becoming a Southern Baptist pastor in 1971, Dr. Willmore has served both at home and abroad, performing missionary work in South America and Africa. He has taught at Kiev Christian University in the Ukraine. Dr. Willmore is married to Sandra Carroll of Arab, Alabama; and together they are the proud parents of one son, Steven Andrew.

In his prayer, Dr. Willmore asked God to give Congress wisdom and guidance so it can lead our Nation to a bright and blessed future. Mr. Speaker, I encourage all of us to work together today and every day so that the hopes and aspirations in that prayer will become a reality.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO ATTEND FUNERAL OF THE LATE HONORABLE NORMAN SISISKY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 107, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the Committee to attend the funeral of the late NORMAN SISISKY:

Mr. WOLF of Virginia;
Mr. GEPHARDT of Missouri;
Mr. BOUCHER of Virginia;
Mr. MORAN of Virginia;

Mr. GOODLATTE of Virginia;
Mr. SCOTT of Virginia;
Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia;
Mr. GOODE of Virginia;
Mr. CANTOR of Virginia;
Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia;
Mr. SCHROCK of Virginia;
Mr. SKELTON of Missouri.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

STOP THE TIDE OF SUBSIDIZED CANADIAN LUMBER FROM FLOODING SOUTH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. DEFAZIO) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, this weekend is notable in that Sunday is April Fool's Day, and the Government of Canada, the Province of British Columbia in particular, is about to play a very sick April Fool's joke on the American people and particularly those in rural communities in the western United States.

On Saturday night at midnight, the U.S.-Canadian Softwood Lumber Agreement expires, and nothing has been put in its place to stop a tide of subsidized Canadian lumber from flooding south beginning on April Fool's Day.

Since the administration of Ronald Reagan, Presidents have recognized and strongly fought against the unfair competition of the wholly subsidized Canadian lumber and sawmill industry. This administration must act strongly to perpetuate those controls and protections against unfair competition.

Mr. Speaker, in Canada the Crown owns 95 percent of the timber; and in Canada the Crown gives away that precious resource. They have a bizarre bidding process. Well, it is not a bidding process; they just contract with companies, no bidding process, and then they say we will look at the logs on the first truck you bring out and we will grade them and set a price. So the companies go in and find the rattiest trees and bring out a truckload of ratty trees, and the government scalers look at them and say we are going to charge you \$10 for that truckload. Then the lumbermen go back in and gather up precious old growth and other priceless

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timber, and they begin trucking it out. They pay virtually nothing for the resource. They observe no environmental constraints; there are no riparian protections. They are devastating their salmon and our salmon by these harvest practices, and now they want to take those subsidies and supplant our much more responsible industry here in the United States.

Mr. Speaker, they are sounding pretty tough, too. Here is Gordon Wilson, minister of forests from British Columbia: "Why should we turn the energy tap on going south at the same time we cannot export our lumber to the biggest market we have?" He is talking about cutting off natural gas supplies to the western United States which is already staggering under extortionately high natural gas prices. One Canadian timber executive said the United States better "learn to speak Arabic and read by candlelight." Pretty tough words.

Mr. Speaker, I would hope that the Bush administration could be tougher in their response. If we retaliate against Canada for bringing in these subsidized lumber imports, the Canadians will fold in a second. Nationally they are running a huge trade surplus with the United States. They cannot afford irresponsible actions or words like this on the part of one province to undermine their trade relationship with the United States.

Mr. Speaker, I am asking and I have asked the Bush administration, along with a large number of Members of the House and Senate, to continue restrictions on the import of subsidized Canadian lumber. Just a 5 percent increase in this subsidized, unfairly produced, irresponsibly environmentally produced lumber coming across our border will cost 8,000 jobs in the Pacific Northwest. Just a 5 percent increase. And they have got it piled up because part of their sweet deals with these companies, they not only give the timber away, they require them to harvest it whether or not there is a market. So they have piles and piles of processed lumber waiting to come south from Canada.

Mr. Speaker, it is not free and fair trade by any measure of the imagination. Now, there are some special interests in the U.S. who would like to wipe out our lumber and sawmill industry and get that cheaper Canadian lumber. They have taken a shortsighted view. After the U.S. industry is gone, the Canadians will probably jack up the price. They will probably still give it away to their companies; but they will jack up the price, just like they have done to us on natural gas.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask the home builders and others who are pushing the Bush administration to back off. It is not in the long-term interest of the United States to not have a healthy and robust industry in this country,

and it is also going to cost some customers because those customers will not be buying houses, they will be abandoning houses when those communities close down.

Mr. Speaker, let us not let a bunch of hardliners in British Columbia play an April Fool's joke on the American people in the Bush administration. Let us retaliate against unfair trade practices and continue the restrictions that have been in place, that were first put in place under the Reagan administration, continued under the first Bush administration, continued under the Clinton administration, and they must be continued under the Bush administration. Nothing has changed. They are still competing unfairly, and they are still going to destroy American communities and jobs if the administration does not act.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. DEFAZIO) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 10 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, April 3, 2001, at 12:30 p.m., for morning hour debates.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

1405. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Onions Grown in South Texas; Decreased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV01-959-1 IFR] received March 28, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1406. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Raisins Produced from Grapes Grown in California; Reduction in Production Cap for 2001 Diversion Program [Docket No. FV01-989-1 FIRA] received March 28, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1407. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Vidalia Onions Grown in

Georgia; Increased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV01-955-1 FR] received March 28, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1408. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Coniothyrium minitans Strain CON/M/91-08; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [OPP-301107; FRL-6772-1] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received March 26, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1409. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Bay Area Air Quality Management District [CA 179-0275; FRL-6954-9] received March 26, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1410. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—New Stationary Sources; Supplemental Delegation of Authority to the State of South Carolina [SC-AT-2001-01; FRL-6956-1] received March 26, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1411. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Connecticut; Approval of Several NOx Emission Trading Orders as Single Source SIP Revisions [CT064-7222A; A-1-FRL-6942-6] received March 26, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1412. A letter from the Deputy Archivist, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—NARA Freedom of Information Act Regulations (RIN: 3095-AA72) received March 26, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

1413. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Weighted Average Interest Rate Update [Notice 2001-28] received March 28, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1414. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Last-in, First-out Inventories [Rev. Rul. 2001-18] received March 29, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. HOBSON (for himself, Mrs. CAPITO, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, and Mr. TANNER):

H.R. 1328. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide enhanced reimbursement for mammography services under the Medicare Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.